

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request copies of and access to all emails sent to or received from Mario Caraballo, the deputy associate administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Office of Homeland Security, from November 1, 2017 through April 9, 2018.

Specifically, the emails I am seeking should contain any of the following terms:

"Security detail"

"Carper"

"Whitehouse" or

"Chairman John Barrasso"

Politico, an online news outlet, [reported](#) on April 10, 2018 that Caraballo had been fired after his office conducted an assessment in February indicating that no credible threats justify EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's security spending.

Politico relied on an anonymous source who alleged that Caraballo was fired because of a personal issue in a previous military position. That source also said senior officials did not like the report Caraballo's office had produced in February. Sens. Tom Carper and Sheldon Whitehouse wrote to Chairman John Barrasso requesting a hearing on the report.

I would like to receive this information in searchable PDFs via email or thumb drive. If that is not possible, I would prefer to receive them via CD or digital dropbox. I would prefer they be released on a rolling basis as documents become available, rather than as one large file.

The records will be used in articles disseminated to the public through The Daily Caller News Foundation, a nonprofit media organization and online wire service. The Daily Caller News Foundation also allows other news outlets to publish its stories free of charge.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information will contribute significantly to the public interest. Caraballo's firing has generated a significant amount of traffic to news websites, including The Daily Caller News Foundation. The requested emails are of interest to the public because they will shed light on the circumstances surrounding Caraballo's termination.

If, however, I am denied a fee waiver, I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$25. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

Additionally, I request expedited processing. Recent news reports have speculated that Caraballo was fired because Pruitt didn't like the February report. There are rumors that President Donald Trump will fire Pruitt due to numerous scandals surrounding the administrator, which would have a wide-reaching affect to the public across the country. The news stories based on the documents I am requesting could potentially play a role in President Trump's decision.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

If there is anything that may cause denial, I am willing to amend my request and discuss it with you.

Please do not hesitate to call me with an questions or comments. I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail. I can be reached at grace@dailycallernewsfoundation.org or 240-743-9939.